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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on June 23, 2004, September 1, 2004, and January 7, 2005, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection that was mailed on March 1, 2005, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-038710, together with an English language translation of the same, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-350788, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-9092, together with an English language abstract of the same; and P24952.A04

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-32616, together with an English language abstract of the same.

The relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner, are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection and an English language translation of the same are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, then Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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